

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (SOLAIM, SOLIMAN), US, SA  
SUBJECT: MINISTER OF COMMERCE VISIT

REF: STATE 100806, JIDDA 2987

1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE SOLIMAN SOLAIM ON APRIL 19 AT HIS REQUEST AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM HIS FORTH-COMING TRIP TO U.S. HE WAS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY STATEMENT OR ACTION WHICH MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT F-15 SALE. WE AGREED THAT A PROPER APPROACH WOULD BE FOR HIM TO EMPHASIZE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WHICH HE AND SAG HAVE TAKEN CONCERNING THE ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION AND POINT OUT THAT SAG AS A MATTER OF POLICY HAS DETERMINED TO CHANGE ITS REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES SO AS TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF THIS LEGISLATION. MINISTER HAS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY.

2. HE ALSO INTENDS TO EMPHASIZE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED NEW TAX LAW ON US-SAG TRADE. SOLAIM AGREED TO ASSUME POSITIVE NOTE WITH EMPHASIS ON SAUDIS' STAKE IN MAINTANING STRENGTH OF U.S. DOLLAR WHICH IS DIRECTLY INFLUENCED BY U.S. FOREIGN TRADE DEFICIT.

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3. SOLAIM APPRECIATED THE NECESSITY OF NOT LINKING F-15 SALE TO SAUDI OIL PRODUCTION OR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF U.S. DOLLAR.

4. WE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A COURTESY CALL (BY TELEPHONE, IF NOT IN PERSON) TO IRVING SHAPIRO BECAUSE

OF HIS ROLE IN BOYCOTT LEGISLATION AS WELL AS HIS CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN BETTERMENT OF US-ARAB RELATIONS.  
(FYI: SHAPIRO AND GEORGE SCHULTZ WERE GUESTS AT EMBASSY ALONG WITH MINISTER DURING NOVEMBER VISIT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SHAPIRO HAS CONTACTED SEVERAL KEY CONGRESSMEN RE F-15 SALE.)

5. SOLAIM WAS NOT CLEAR ON TRAVEL PLANS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON BUT MENTIONED POSSIBILITIES OF HOUSTON-LOS ANGELES VISIT. HE SAID HIS ITINERARY WILL BE COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.  
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